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1. The Yugoslav Army has reportedly established food and armaments caches in the old Partisan sectors of operations. In Slovenia these magazines have been set up in the vicinity of Pokljuka, in the woods around Kočeveski Rog, in the coastal hills bordering the Adriatic around Gerovo, in the vicinity of Jelenje, and in the Velebit mountains. In Bosnia stores have been established in the vicinity of Drvar, in the hills on both sides of Vrbas River valley between Jajce and Banja Luka, in the vicinity of Prenj, and in the mountains near the Metalka Pass, east of Serajevo.

2. A Partisan training camp has been established near Kosovska Mitrovica. The men are being trained for operations in Albania and some have already been sent into that country.

3. All during the month of September 1949 a well-camouflaged mobilization was under way in Yugoslavia. Men were at first called up only from the remote southern parts of the country, where the reduction of manpower would not immediately be detected. By the middle of September, according to a Yugoslav officer's estimate, the size of the Yugoslav Army had grown to 670,000 men. The conscripts were detailed partly to the Hungarian and Rumanian frontiers and partly to prepared positions in the central mountains. Especially strong troop concentrations were also observed along the southern border and in the vicinity of Titograd in Montenegro.

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